विमर्श किया है और यदि हां, तो कब और ऐसे विचार-विमर्श के परिणामों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री के. सी. पंत) (क) और (ख) भारतीय शांति सेना ने श्रीलंका के पूर्वी प्रांत में साम्प्रदायिक हिंसा भड़काने के आरोप में एक युवक को पकड़ा है। पूछताछ के दौरान उसने बताया कि उसे तथा उसके कुछ अन्य साथियों को पाकिस्तान में प्रशिक्षित किया गया था।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

Attack on Indian tanker by Iranian gun boats

*75. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indian tanker was hit by Iranian gun boats in the Southern gulf recently setting it ablaze;

•(b) if so what are the details thereof stating the loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Shipping Corporation of India tanker "Jainarayan Vyas" war, attacked on 1115 hours on March 27, 1988 by two unidentified gunboats off the West Coast of Ras-Al-Khaimah in the UAE. The tanker sustained considerable external damage on starboard side from large caiibre shells fired from the deck-mounted guns. Internal damage to the tanker was limited on account of it being in ballast and the projectiles missing rensi-tive areas of the ship. All but one of its 59 member crew escaped unhuit. The injured sea-man who suffered serious burns and a fracture was evacuated off-shors for immediate medical attention. The estimated cost of repairs of the ship will be about Rs. 15.6 lakhs.

(c) Formal establishment of identity of the attackers has proved problematic and, therefore, no formal protest against these attacks has been lodged by the Government. However, Government have informally conveyed its concern over these attacks to the Iranian Government seeking their assurance for safe navigation of our cargo vessels|tankers in the Gulf.

Request of LTTE leaders to IPKF on Indo-Sri Lanka Accord

*76. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 13th April, 1988 to the effect that some LTTE leaders had approached the IPKF with the request that a meeting might be arranged so that surrender of arms by the LTTE could take place;

(b) if so, whether the request has since been considered; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to encourage the LTTE to accept the Indo-Sri Lanka agreement and to participate in the local administration contemplated in the agreement after the arms have been surrendered ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have constantly maintained that if the LTTE hand over their arms and support the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement, the door would be open to them to play a role in Tamil areas in Sri Lanka. If elected by the people, they could form the administration in these areas. Government have already addressed the concerns Of militant$_s$ laying down arms, through measures announced on the 26th November, 1987 which include provision for their security, upkeep and final rehabilitation.